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To: All licensed child care facilities, ELCC Program staff

Subject: **COVID-19 Screening Tools for Use in Child Care Facilities**

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Topic: COVID-19 Screening Tools for Child Care Facilities

The updated Coronavirus (COVID-19) Early Learning and Child Care Practice Guidance (June 2020), was sent to facilities on June 25. It recommends that parents and staff focus on monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined in the Screening Tool and poster at <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/covid19/screening-tool/>.

If child care facilities are not able to immediately access the online screening tool, they can also refer to the Health Links Screening Tool (PDF format) at https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/covid/screening_tool.pdf. Facilities should be aware that if an individual is symptomatic, or answers “yes” to one or more of the screening questions, that the individual should be excluded and instructed to contact Health Links or their health care provider.

Both screening tools are essentially the same, however, the intended use may determine which screening tool may better meet your needs. For example, it may be easier to use the Health Links Screening Tool for children and families being screened by another person before entering a facility. The online screening tool may be preferred for individuals screening themselves to determine if they should go for testing and/or assessment.

Facilities are also encouraged to post the screening poster at the entrance to their facility. The poster is available at https://manitoba.ca/asset_library/en/coronavirus/COVID-19-poster-1.pdf.

Screening questions and travel restrictions are subject to change as the province’s COVID-19 response continues to develop. Facilities are encouraged to stay up to date by frequently visiting the Manitoba government’s COVID-19 information page at www.manitoba.ca/covid19/index.html.

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